

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-v-

ROBERT LENARD BOOTH,

Defendant.

21-cr-652 (JSR)

ORDER

JED S. RAKOFF, U.S.D.J.:

In order to supplement the record, the Clerk is directed to docket the attached document, a transcript of an interview of the Defendant, Robert Lenard Booth, conducted on August 26, 2021 at J.F.K. International Airport in Queens, N.Y.

SO ORDERED.

New York, NY
January 31, 2022


JED S. RAKOFF, U.S.D.J.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
v.
Robert Lenard Booth

Interview of Robert Lenard Booth

August 26, 2021

JFK Airport

Queens, NY

V/O = Voices Overlap

U/I = Unintelligible

Speakers:

Robert Lenard Booth

("RB")

Special Agent Justin Deutsch

(JD")

Special Agent Ben Castro

("BC")

Pauline, Robert Booth's sister

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[Background Noise]

JD: Hey. How are you doing Sir? You can grab a seat right here.

RB: Yea.

JD: Thank you. How are you doing?

RB: Good good.

JD: My name is Agent Deutsch, I'm an agent with Homeland Security.

RB: Homeland Security?

JD: Yea. So, we just have to ask you some questions regarding your entry into the United States. Mr. Booth?

RB: Yea.

JD: Ok. Alright, um, where are you traveling from?

RB: Uhh I went to uh from Dubai I'm coming from.

JD: Ok, is that your where you originated from or did you have a connecting flight or what?

RB: A connecting flight.

JD: Connecting flight from where?

RB: From Dubai to here, to uh New York.

JD: Ok, what so there's no connecting flight?

RB: Thailand, I was in Thailand.

1 JD: Thailand, ok. Gotcha. Alright where is your
2 permanent residence? Is that in Dubai or in
3 Thailand?

4 RB: No, uh permanently I'm an American citizen, I
5 live here.

6 JD: Oh, you live here?

7 RB: Yes, yes Sir.

8 JD: Oh, ok so you were in Thailand for how long then?

9 RB: About six months, six to nine months about that.

10 JD: Six to nine months?

11 RB: Uh huh. Because the covid V/O.

12 JD: You don't know if it was six months or nine
13 months?

14 RB: No, uh uh in September last year covid hit and
15 and and it block us from coming out. So, I
16 couldn't come out.

17 JD: Wait, wait they block you from leaving Thailand?

18 RB: Yea, it was right before January, I think it was
19 January and and they.

20 JD: But you're a U.S. citizen right with a passport.
21 You can come back into the United States.

22 RB: Yea I know I could but I was staying with
23 somebody over there, so I just stayed.

24 JD: Okay, you stayed because you wanted to, or
25 because you couldn't get back in?

1 RB: Yeah, at the same time the COVID was bad here
2 too, so they didn't, they didn't know what to do
3 at the time in, but yet if you remember, if you
4 recall back in January they border stopping and
5 all that.

6 JD: Okay let's start over. You're not making any
7 sense. Let's start over. Where do you live?

8 RB: I live here.

9 JD: Where's here? Give me an address.

10 RB: Bragg Street.

11 JD: Brad Street?

12 RB: Bragg, Bragg. B-R-A-G-G

13 JD: What's your full address?

14 RB: Uh two uh two four Bragg Street.

15 JD: You don't know your address?

16 RB: I am going to tell you.

17 JD: I know, but you don't have your address
18 memorized?

19 RB: I live on Bragg Street too you know I'm just
20 telling you I, I live in... okay with my glasses. I
21 live at 237 East 87th Street.

22 JD: Here put, do me a favor, put all those cards on
23 the table.

24 RB: Bragg Street. I live at Bragg Street.

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1 JD: I am going to look at it. Do me a favor, put all
2 those cards on the table.
3 RB: Yeah.
4 JD: So, is this your address that's on your driver's
5 license?
6 RB: Yeah.
7 JD: Okay. 2417.
8 RB: Bragg.
9 JD: Bragg Street.
10 RB: Brooklyn.
11 JD: Apartment number two, Brooklyn. So that's where
12 you, that's your permanent residence where you
13 live?
14 RB: Yeah. I live there.
15 JD: Okay, how long have you lived there for?
16 RB: But I lived, I live at 287 77th Street also.
17 JD: How, how do you have two permanent residences,
18 I'm confused?
19 RB: Because my family house, my mother, she passed
20 away.
21 JD: Okay, so you have another house.
22 RB: Yeah, so I stay there.
23 JD: What's the address on that house?
24 RB: 234 East 87th Street.
25 JD: What, a little slower please.

1 RB: 234 East 87th Street, Brooklyn, New York

2 JD: East 87th Street.

3 RB: Yeah. Let me ask you a question. What is your
4 name?

5 JD: Here you go, I'll show you my identification.

6 RB: Yeah.

7 JD: I already told you my name, but I'd be glad to
8 show you my ID.

9 RB: Can I have your card?

10 JD: Sure.

11 RB: Can I have your card?

12 JD: Yes, when we're done I'll give you my card.

13 RB: Okay. I mean I'm just curious to know that why
14 I'm coming here and you just stopped me like
15 that.

16 JD: I believe I heard them explain it to you where
17 you were out there already. You were selected for
18 secondary inspection, so anybody who's entering
19 or exiting the United States is subject to a
20 border inspection.

21 RB: So like what do you look for when you, when you
22 do that?

23 JD: Uh, sometimes it's random. First of all, I'm not
24 required to explain that to you, but I will.

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1 Sometimes it's random, sometimes it's based on
2 the country you're coming from or other factors.
3 RB: Okay, so it's based on the country I'm coming
4 from. So, what would you like to know about?
5 JD: Sure. Well, I was already a little confused about
6 RB: Okay.
7 JD: Okay, so you live in the United States?
8 RB: Yeah. Yes.
9 JD: Okay, so what do you go to Thailand for?
10 RB: I'm retired.
11 JD: Okay, so was it, we've used the terms "business"
12 or "pleasure" to refer.
13 RB: Retired. You know I went there after retirement
14 and I just stayed there.
15 JD: Okay. So are you working there or you just there
16 for.
17 RB: Not working.
18 JD: Not working there, okay.
19 RB: I'm retired.
20 JD: What are you retired from?
21 RB: I worked at Depositary Trust.
22 JD: Depositary trust? What's that?
23 RB: Yes.
24 JD: I don't, I don't know what that is. You're going
25 to have to explain.

1 RB: Okay, it's a bank.

2 JD: You work at a bank? Or you're retired from the
3 bank or you're still working?

4 RB: I'm retired. I'm getting a pension right now.

5 JD: Okay. So you went to Thailand just for vacation?

6 RB: Just for vacation, yes.

7 JD: Okay. What bank did you work for that you're
8 retired from?

9 RB: This is what I'm saying, with all due respect,
10 I'm coming here, I'm coming in and you ask me
11 certain things that.

12 JD: I'm asking you questions that are normal course
13 of.

14 RB: Do you understand what I'm saying?

15 JD: Things about that are very basic about where do
16 you live and where do you work. Those are very
17 basic questions.

18 RB: I am not working, I'm retired. So where we going
19 past like.

20 JD: Okay, you mentioned you're retired from a bank,
21 I'm curious what bank you're retired from.

22 RB: You know.

23 JD: Are you telling me you don't want to answer?

24 RB: Yeah I'm getting a pension.

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1 JD: Okay, so you don't want to answer where you
2 retired from? Because when you say things like
3 that, that makes me more suspicious.

4 RB: No, but what I'm saying is that is if you stopped
5 me randomly, to check something, I am just, I am
6 just a retired person.

7 JD: Now, now I'm getting.

8 RB: I am.

9 JD: Yes, but you can't answer basic questions about
10 where you live and what you do for work.

11 RB: I told you where I live.

12 JD: Okay, well then answer me. I will ask you some
13 more questions then. When did you retire? When
14 was the last time you worked?

15 RB: Okay, I worked maybe seventeen years ago.

16 JD: Oh, so you didn't, you retired a long time ago?

17 RB: Yeah.

18 JD: Okay, so do you have, like, some people throw
19 that word 'retired' around, that means, like,
20 you've done no business during that time?

21 RB: No.

22 JD: Do you own any companies that you?

23 RB: No.

24 JD: Okay. So you don't own any companies, you don't.

25 RB: No.

1 JD: Conducting any business?

2 RB: No.

3 JD: One question we sometimes ask about people

4 entering or exiting the country...

5 RB: No.

6 JD: Are they conducting, you know, business...

7 RB: I don't have a business

8 JD: With other countries?

9 RB: I don't have any kind of set up with no other

10 business.

11 JD: Okay, so your form of income is your retirement

12 pension?

13 RB: Yes sir.

14 JD: End of story. Okay. Are you returning home to

15 stay in the United States or are you?

16 RB: Yeah, I'm coming back and then maybe go back over

17 there because I met somebody that I want to spend

18 some time with, so I'm thinking of going back.

19 JD: Okay, so how long are you planning on staying in

20 the U.S.?

21 RB: I don't know.

22 JD: Okay, well do you have a return flight booked?

23 RB: Yes, I do.

24 JD: So you do know how long you're going to be here.

25 RB: Yeah, open ticket.

1 JD: Okay, you have a return flight scheduled on a
2 certain date?
3 RB: Open, no, open ticket.
4 JD: Okay, which is when?
5 RB: I can just call and just book the date.
6 JD: Okay, so you don't have a certain date scheduled
7 V/O.
8 RB: Right.
9 JD: To return? Please leave those on the counter.
10 Where are you going to be staying while you're in
11 the U.S.?
12 RB: Bragg Street.
13 JD: Okay. Did you travel with anybody else today?
14 RB: No.
15 JD: Okay. You already answered this question about
16 working. You don't work at all? You're retired.
17 You don't, you're not involved with any
18 businesses that are transacting with the U.S. you
19 said.
20 V/O
21 RB: No.
22 JD: That is correct, right? Ok. Alright is there any
23 other types of employment or income that we
24 didn't discuss?
25 RB: No sir.

1 JD: That you're involved with?

2 RB: No sir.

3 JD: Ok. And you already said you manage any companies
4 foreign or domestic currently?

5 RB: I don't have no companies.

6 JD: Ok. Ok. That concludes my border inspection
7 questions. Now we need to talk about something
8 else. So I am a special agent with Homeland
9 Security, part of the things we investigate is --
10 I'm not always here at the airport -- I'm a
11 financial investigations group, where we
12 investigate different crimes including money
13 laundering and things of that nature.

14 RB: Right.

15 JD: Ok, so uh what I'm about to show you is an arrest
16 warrant, this is a federal arrest warrant for
17 you. You've been charged with money laundering,
18 wire fraud, and securities fraud.

19 RB: With who?

20 JD: Um, from the United States Department of Justice
21 Southern District of New York, so that means it's
22 a federal charge.

23 RB: Ok.

24 JD: So you're gonna be placed under arrest today. So
25 this here is Special Agent.

1 BC: Special Agent Ben Castro. I'm IRS-Criminal
2 Investigation. This is my creds, this is my
3 badge. Uh, were working together.

4 RB: Ok.

5 JD: And so, we're, we're here today, we could have
6 had just anybody arrest you, but we're here today
7 because we want to talk to you and we want to
8 give you a chance to explain some stuff that
9 we've seen.

10 RB: Ok.

11 JD: Um, just like in the movies when you see you, we
12 have to read you your rights so you understand
13 what you're entitled to. So I'm going to do that
14 to you now ok?

15 RB: Ok.

16 JD: Before we ask you any questions or make any
17 statement you must understand your rights. You
18 have the right to remain silent, anything you say
19 or do can and will be used against you in a court
20 of law. You have the right to talk to a lawyer
21 for advice before making any statement or
22 answering any questions. You have the right to
23 have a lawyer present with you during
24 questioning. If you cannot afford to hire a
25 lawyer, one will be appointed to represent you

1 before any questioning if you wish. If you decide
2 to answer questions now without a lawyer present
3 you have the right to stop answering questions at
4 any time. Um, so if you'd like to discuss this
5 investigation, then you need to agree that you
6 understand what we just read to you. Do you
7 understand?

8 RB: But why would you arrest me I don't have no money
9 laundering going on.

10 JD: Ok, I'm going to explain it all to you. Just If
11 you agree that you understood what I just read
12 you.

13 RB: Yes.

14 JD: Then you need to sign your name here and I'll
15 explain to you V/O.

16 RB: Will I get a copy of this?

17 JD: Yes. I can get you a copy of that. Let me show
18 you where to sign. V/O Here put your glasses on.
19 Right there. I'll get you a copy too, take your
20 time, feel free to read it.

21 **[Pages Turning]**

22 RB: You arrested me, you're arresting me for money
23 laundering, what kinda money you talking, is
24 money laundering you arresting me for? Uh.

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1 JD: Yea, the charges on the arrest warrant, and like
2 I said before, we can get into more details on
3 that, but before we talk to you we have to make
4 sure you understand your rights which is V/O.

5 RB: Would you like to arrest me for something for
6 money laundering and and I don't have a business
7 I'm not moving any kind of money.

8 JD: This this is what we'll talk to you about, but
9 like I said we, this this is your rights.

10 RB: Ok. I understand my rights, but would I be
11 signing something by that I don't understand
12 without a lawyer here?

13 JD: No no, that's just saying that you understand
14 what I read to you, if at any point during our
15 conversation you don't want to answer something,
16 you don't have to. At any point if you want to
17 stop talking, you can.

18 RB: And I don't know if V/O

19 JD: And if you don't want to sign that you don't have
20 to sign it, you can verbally state that you
21 understand it.

22 RB: I understand it.

23 JD: This is just to make sure, just so you have
24 something visual to look at. Ok, we're clear you
25

1 understand and you want talk to us and you want
2 us to explain what's going on.

3 RB: Yes. I want you to explain to me what's going on.

4 JD: Alright so, we've been investigating you and
5 other people for almost a year now. Um, let's
6 start with uh financial transactions. Ok we've
7 tracked a lot of financial transactions. Um , do
8 you want show the sheet Ben?

9 BC: Yep.

10 JD: This is a sheet that Ben prepared about some wire
11 transfers coming from.

12 RB: Who who what's the name.

13 BC: I'm Ben.

14 RB: Oh ok.

15 JD: Agent Castro.

16 BC: I'm the special agent from IRS.

17 RB: Can I have you're your business card also.

18 BC: Yea.

19 RB: If you will. And what about you, can I have yours
20 too.

21 JD: You're not going to be able to take anything with
22 you so you're not going to be able to hold onto
23 that. V/O.

24 BC: You can refer to it.

25 JD: But you're welcome to look at it and whatever.

1 RB: Why I can't keep this. I need it to be able to
2 get in touch with you.

3 JD: We'll figure that out I'm not sure what the
4 policies are.

5 RB: Do I get a bail or something like that?

6 JD: Yea, yea we'll talk about all of that because
7 you're going to have an appearance tomorrow,
8 where you can, they'll figure out your bond.

9 RB: I'm so tired today you know because I came a long
10 way V/O.

11 JD: So let's jump into this then because I understand
12 you're tired I know that's a long trip I've been
13 there myself it's exhausting.

14 BC: I mean once we jump into it the less time it'll
15 take.

16 JD: So, V/O there's there's specifically wire
17 transfers coming from accounts in New York City
18 to accounts that are in your name in Panama and
19 Thailand. So these are accounts. Do you want to
20 read off some of the company names?

21 BC: Yea, so I'm going to read off some of the company
22 names. DT Holdings Management Corp. Do you
23 recognize that name?

24 RB: DT Holding?

25 BC: Yep.

1 RB: No.

2 BC: Do you recognize an ATC Holdings and Transfer

3 Corp?

4 RB: Where, where is that coming from?

5 BC: Uh, these are United States accounts.

6 JD: Bank records where we've seen. V/O.

7 BC: The information we have is bank records. And

8 these companies have come up in our

9 investigation.

10 RB: I don't have nothing to do with those people, uh

11 I mean maybe I did some consulting work, but

12 something like that and they may pay me that kind

13 of way but I, I never.

14 JD: Ok, alright, let's start over. Forget about

15 anything you told me previously on those other

16 questions. Let's pretend that never happened, ok?

17 RB: I, I don't know these people.

18 JD: So let's start-- Forget about what you said

19 before. I'm going to pretend that never happened,

20 those questions never happened. Are you doing

21 some kind of business?

22 RB: No.

23 JD: You mentioned consulting.

24 RB: No.

25 JD: So, so what kind of consulting are you doing?

1 RB: Like if I get a project, I be able to do and
2 advise on it, but that's it. That's it.

3 JD: So what are these, read some of the other company
4 names.

5 BC: Irvine Management Transfers.

6 RB: Irvine. Oh my God.

7 BC: When you talk about these people, do you-- Who
8 are we talking about?

9 JD: These are accounts out of New York if that helps
10 jog your memory.

11 RB: But it doesn't have nothing to do with me.

12 JD: Well, they're sending money to your bank accounts
13 that's what it has to do with you. They're wire
14 transferring money. V/O.

15 RB: Is that laundering? I didn't know, I--

16 JD: Just receiving a wire transfer. V/O. No
17 laundering is when you're receiving money from
18 something that's criminal in nature.

19 RB: But that's, uh-- Wasn't that was a long time ago?
20 I didn't know that.

21 JD: What are the dates on some of these transactions?

22 BC: The transactions start in August 2019.

23 RB: I didn't know that. I didn't, like know.

24 JD: You didn't know that you were receiving money
25 into your accounts?

1 RB: From these people that are doing bad things I
2 didn't know what they were doing.

3 BC: Well V/O.

4 JD: Well what is this money for that is going into
5 your accounts?

6 RB: Well, uh I did some advising, advisement work
7 with them before.

8 JD: Why did you not say that before?

9 RB: Because I did not know that the name was, I, I
10 didn't pay attention to how they pay me. How they
11 pay out the money to me.

12 JD: What are they paying you for?

13 RB: I don't-- For consulting work that I did for
14 them.

15 JD: Consulting is so, so vague, what are you talking
16 about?

17 RB: Some personal consulting work I did for them.

18 JD: Who is them? Let's start with them. Who is them?

19 RB: Yes, I, you know, I can't explain it to you right
20 now.

21 JD: Why?

22 RB: Because I just can't explain it.

23 JD: Just can't explain it. Alright, who is them, who
24 were you doing work for?

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1 RB: Uh you know, they was in another country and they
2 ask me to do them a favor, and I just did it.
3 BC: What country?
4 RB: I don't know, Philippines, I think it was.
5 JD: Alright, so I'm asking you to explain how much
6 money is that roughly speaking V/O.
7 BC: So we're talking about almost half a million
8 dollars. We're talking about \$445,000 within the
9 span of four months. And you did consulting for
10 four months to get that much money?
11 RB: No. No No No. Which bank you talking about?
12 BC: What bank accounts do you have?
13 RB: Uh What bank accounts you have? You know what
14 V/O.
15 BC: So you have an account in Panama with a U/I bank.
16 RB: I don't have it. I don't have it.
17 I don't have an account with no Panama.
18 BC: You also have an account with Citibank in
19 Thailand ending 4231.
20 RB: I don't have account with Citibank anymore.
21 BC: When did you have a Citibank account?
22 RB: I don't have account with Citibank.
23 BC: You said anymore. So you had it before. V/O.
24 RB: If, if you check out the records, then you should
25 know that I don't have a bank with Citibank.

1 JD: V/O Well, during the time period where you
2 received this money there was an account in your
3 name at Citibank in Thailand where you lived.

4 RB: Is that going to incriminate me if I answer that?

5 JD: Will what incriminate you? That you had a bank
6 account?

7 RB: Yea?

8 JD: I, I'm not.

9 BC: We're just asking questions if you have a
10 Citibank account?

11 JD: I don't know. I have no idea, you're trying to--
12 I'm asking you to explain, where this money was
13 from. Alright, let's, let's go a different route
14 because you obviously are uncomfortable talking
15 about that. Who, tell me at least who, who are
16 these people that hired you and what did they
17 want from you?

18 RB: I, I don't know how to explain it to. I may be
19 using use the wrong terms if I try to explain it
20 to you.

21 BC: Just explain it the way you that you understand
22 it.

23 RB: I need to talk to a lawyer and explain it to
24 them, let them explain it to you.

25 JD: Alright, let me play something for you then.

1 [Recording of RB voice]: "Nothing came in from Irvine,
2 Irvine Management Transfer and Holding, nothing came into
3 Citibank I already check that they that they have no funds
4 coming in from Irvine. The money was not sent, Don. The
5 money was not sent. And you need to understand that.

6 JD: Who is that?

7 RB: That's the guy from the Phillipines.

8 JD: From the Phillipines?

9 RB: Yea.

10 JD: What's his name?

11 RB: Don.

12 JD: And what are you talking to him about?

13 RB: I I was telling him that he said he was going to
14 send me from money from Irvine and I didn't get
15 it.

16 JD: What is he sending you money for?

17 RB: I don't know. Some work that I did for him.

18 JD: Which is what?

19 RB: I can't explain it right now. I may be
20 incriminating myself and I don't know. V/O.

21 JD: I know what it is. I mean I'm pretty sure you
22 probably figured out by now that we know a lot
23 more. I, Do you want to hear some more stuff?

24 RB: Yes, I don't want to be incriminating myself.

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1 [Recording of RB voice]: From your people in New York.
2 We're not talking about the time is 10 o'clock here,
3 business is business. You understand? Business is business.
4 I treat you with respect, and I, you treat me with respect.
5 We're doing a business together. Please understand that.
6 The money was not sent, nothing came to my bank in in
7 Citibank, so straighten out with the people in New York.

8 RB: V/O That's a long time ago.

9 Ok, this is what I'm telling you about, that I
10 did not really have anything to do with it.
11 Basically, this guy is the guy that's running the
12 operation and I was just there as a as a as a as
13 a token.

14 JD: What, running what operation?

15 RB: I don't know what he was running but he was
16 paying out some money and he asked me if I can
17 put some money in my bank. And I just said ok go
18 ahead and do it.

19 JD: Well did he pay you to do that?

20 RB: Yes, he paid me. V/O.

21 JD: What did he pay you?

22 RB: He pay me some money, but I don't know how much
23 he pay U/I constantly but he supposed to pay me.
24 He stiff me on it.

25 JD: Ok, so somebody.

1 RB: He stiff me on it.

2 JD: Somebody named Don.

3 RB: Yea.

4 JD: Who lives where?

5 RB: In Philippines.

6 JD: The Philippines, paid you to accept money into
7 your bank account? How did he know, what did he
8 you to do with that money after you got it into
9 your bank account.

10 RB: Well he just want me to hold it for him.

11 JD: Hold it for him till when?

12 RB: Until he ask for it.

13 JD: Did that happen?

14 RB: No.

15 JD: So what happened to the money?

16 RB: I don't know, that's what I was discussing with
17 him.

18 JD: So was some of that money the money that was
19 transferred into your accounts from these
20 companies that Agent Castro was reading off like
21 DT Holding Management Corp. You mentioned in this
22 call Irvine Management, that was a name that you
23 mentioned in this call.

24 RB: That's where he was sending the money
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1 from. But he never pay me, he never, nothing ever
2 came in.

3 JD: That's not true. V/O. We tracked the bank
4 records, we've seen wire transfers going into
5 your accounts. So we know that that happened.
6 What did, what happened with the money after it
7 got into your accounts? Did he want the money
8 back, or?

9 RB: Look, I can't explain it to you right now.

10 JD: Ok.

11 RB: I cannot.

12 JD: Let me, let's go over some of the other names.
13 U/I see if you recognize these names.

14 BC: So, around the time that you received money, um
15 for you, we're gonna talk about the victims or
16 people. Money came into DT Holdings, ATC
17 Holdings, have you ever heard of a BA Management
18 Holdings?

19 RB: BA, no.

20 BC: Alright, so I'm going read out some names. Tell
21 me if you recognize them. Franco Cesta. C-E-S-T-
22 A.

23 RB: No.

24 BC: Marcela McKenna.

25 RB: No.

1 BC: Try the rest of them. Gregory Christian Smith.
2 RB: No. I don't know who these people, who is these
3 people?
4 BC: Well, these are people that sent money to the
5 same accounts that you were receiving V/O money
6 around the same time.
7 RB: Not too me.
8 JD: Do you ever, does your job ever entail calling
9 People?
10 RB: No.
11 JD: In other countries?
12 RB: No.
13 JD: Ok.
14 [Recording of RB voice]: Don. This is T, I I just wanna ask
15 you a question because I have a guy in Canada for 62,000.
16 RB: Don.
17 BC: Do you know anyone named Edgard Steincrood?
18 RB: No.
19 [Recording of RB voice]: Because I have a guy in Canada for
20 62,000. I like to know if I can pull the trigger on it.
21 It's very important that I have a talk with you.
22 RB: Oh ok. So that guy Don, he said to you that--
23 Don has a problem with you, also?
24 JD: Problem with me?
25 RB: Yea, from Phillipines.

1 JD: I don't understand the question.

2 RB: He gave you those, when you tape my conversation.

3 He gave that to you.

4 JD: Oh, you're asking how we got these conversations?

5 RB: Yea.

6 JD: I'm not telling you how we got those
7 conversations.

8 RB: So he got those conversation and gave it to you?
9 Am I correct?

10 JD: Uh, I did not say that. No. I'm telling you I'm
11 not telling you how I got these conversations.
12 I'm telling you that I know that you're calling
13 people in other countries.

14 RB: Oh.

15 JD: Right? Can we start there at least. I'll
16 play you something V/O.

17 RB: Can I get a glass of water?

18 JD: Um, do we have any water? Yea.

19 RB: Uhh, I'm so tired.

20 JD: If you want hear this this isn't you this is
21 Don.

22 [Recording of Don voice]: Um, well I'm happy to hear your
23 business is picking up. Um, as far as like I said T, you
24 think you know like, and I bend over backwards for you, I
25 have, and you know it. I'm sitting here trying to sort out

1 this \$97,000 maybe you think I just sit around and I don't
2 do anything with my thumb up my ass. I mean I'm sitting
3 here trying to sort that out as well. Now, I gave a strict
4 thing period, um now you talking all nice and calm and
5 mellow, but what happened to the T before that's yelling at
6 me and just overtalks me? You know, enough is enough. You
7 think it's just a love hate relationship, no.

8 JD: If you want to take your mask off I don't mind.
9 It doesn't bother me if you want to keep your mask off.

10 [Recording of Don voice]: You don't understand and on top
11 of that 80 points and you don't write nowhere near.

12 JD: So, this is important what he just says here.

13 [Recording of Don voice]: You don't understand and on top
14 of that 80 points you don't write nowhere near anyone of
15 the other offices.

16 JD: 80 points, what does he mean by that?

17 RB: I don't know, I don't know what he is talking
18 about.

19 JD: I know what he's talking about V/O, I just want
20 to see if you're going to be honest with us.

21 Rb: I'm trying to be honest, I'm telling you the
22 Truth, I don't know.

23 JD: 80 points is 80 percent. That is the fee that he
24 is charging you.

25 RB: I'm not talking to any of these clients that you

1 are talking about. I don't know them.

2 [Recording of Don voice]: They, they pay more and James
3 damn well knows that as well.

4 JD: James? Do you want to talk about James?

5 RB: That's his friend.

6 JD: He's your friend too. He's more than your friend
7 he's your coworker.

8 RB: He is?

9 JD: James is.

10 RB: He's not U/I as as I said I'm I'm not working.

11 [Recording of Don voice]: So, what, what do you want from
12 me. I said after Mckenna that's it.

13 JD: Ok, he says here.

14 [Recording of Don voice]: Want from me. I said after
15 Mckenna that's it.

16 JD: After Mckenna that's it.

17 RB: I don't know who's that.

18 BC: I just named off a Marcella Mckenna.

19 JD: Mckenna is a person who was defrauded of money
20 and they wire transferred their money into one of
21 these bank accounts that sent you money.

22 RB: That's him, that's, that's Don. That's Don I
23 didn't make U/I personally I just I just know of
24 him.

25 JD: Know of who?

1 RB: That's Don.

2 JD: So, let me let me level with you ok.

3 RB: Go ahead.

4 JD: We know everything. I know what you do for
5 business. I can explain it to you if you want.
6 Would you like to hear it from me?

7 RB: Yes, go ahead.

8 JD: Ok. We know that you pose as an investment broker
9 and call people and sell them investments that do
10 not exist. Call people all around the world, and
11 you use people like Don as a banker to receive
12 the money from the victims that you're calling
13 and defrauding, and then people like Don charge
14 you a percentage fee to receive the money and
15 send the money back to you. So, I am barely
16 showing you even a sliver of the amount of
17 evidence that we have. We have people's phones
18 that have text messages between you and them
19 discussing these people that you are calling on
20 the phone. About selling them investments and
21 their money being wired to these accounts and
22 then the money being wired to you. So, you're
23 looking at very serious charges that can hold a
24 very long prison term. You can stay there in the
25 position you're in right now, which is you can

1 deny it and lie to yourself and lie to us. But we
2 already know the truth. You have a chance right
3 now to help yourself out. By that, I mean you be
4 honest with us, tell us some of the information
5 we're asking about, some of the other people you
6 were working with, how you got involved in this.
7 Uh, and we can go back to the prosecutor and tell
8 him that he's being honest with us and he is
9 cooperating. The other side of this coin is we go
10 back and tell him he's not lying, he's not
11 cooperating, he doesn't want be on Team USA, he
12 wants to be on his own team.

13 RB: How can I-- How can I talk to you when I don't
14 know how to, how, if what I'm doing. I don't know
15 what I'm doing here V/O.

16 JD: It's it's easy it's called.

17 RB: As far as incriminating myself deeper into
18 situation maybe I need to talk to a lawyer and
19 sit down with somebody that knows what they can
20 U/I.

21 JD: It's a matter of do you want to be honest with us
22 and the government? So the way that cooperation
23 works is it's not our decision, I can't sit here
24 and promise you anything. V/O. If you're honest
25 and cooperate with us.

1 RB: How can I get out of it?

2 JD: Get out of it?

3 RB: Yea.

4 JD: So you, you've been charged. The decisions that
5 come forth are cooperation can lead to reduced,
6 reduced charges, reduced sentencing that's all
7 that's above my paygrade that's decided by
8 prosecutors and judges.

9 RB: So, how can I-- Can I talk to somebody about
10 that.

11 JD: You're talking to us right now. We are the ones
12 that are going to go after this interview I'm
13 going to call the federal prosecutor on the phone
14 and tell them, the first thing he's going to want
15 to know is how did it go, is he cooperating, is
16 he being honest or is he--V/O.

17 RB: Can I talk to a lawyer to be able to V/O U/I let
18 them hear the question.

19 JD: You can always talk to a lawyer V/O part of what
20 you said you understood is that you know you can
21 stop talking to us anytime you want and go talk
22 to a lawyer. You don't have to listen to us you
23 don't have to listen to me explain the stuff or
24 anything like that.

25 RB: Ok.

1 JD: But umm. Put your phone down please.

2 BC: Put your phone down.

3 JD: Put your phone down right now. No, we can that
4 will happen later you'll get a phone call later
5 but not right now.

6 RB: But I have to get a number from here.

7 JD: We'll get that for you.

8 BC: We'll get that for you.

9 JD: I can what's your, I'll look it up for you right
10 now and I'll write it down on a piece of paper.

11 BC: It'll only benefit you to talk to us now.

12 JD: V/O How do you how do you open, how do you unlock
13 your phone? How do you?

14 RB: Can I just make a phone call and see what's going
15 on?

16 BC: It's upside down.

17 JD: Ahh got it, thanks. Alright you want to see if
18 you can find it, I'm obviously not good with it.

19 BC: Who are you trying to find?

20 JD: Like there's-- So there's text messages with your
21 assistant. I don't know her name, the female that
22 works with you. There's text messages between her
23 and who you call Don, and there are discussions
24 about people that you're calling on the phone
25 these people that are victims. This is the kind

1 of evidence that we have. Mr. Franco Cesta, that
2 your assistant is sending photographs of the wire
3 transfer receipt from the victim to Don to let
4 him know that he sent the money so that he can be
5 on the lookout for it.

6 BC: And he matched them to the bank records. We have
7 messages that support the money that was sent to
8 you and that you're asking for.

9 JD: These are examples, these are downloaded from
10 phones these are messages between, in this case
11 it's your assistant here these are messages
12 between her and Don and these are the kind of
13 things that you know she's sending photographs of
14 the people that you are talking to on the phone
15 that you guys are defrauding and sending the
16 money to Don's accounts to be laundered and then
17 sent back to you. So, the reason you're charged
18 with wire fraud is that's for your role in
19 calling the people and defrauding them. The money
20 laundering is for receiving the money from Don's
21 accounts. And obviously the security fraud is
22 obvious.

23 RB: And what would you want me to do now, to help you
24 out what do you want from me?

25

1 JD: Let's start with like who-- Who else were you
2 working with when you were doing this? We know
3 about James V/O.

4 RB: This the guy U/I I'm not I'm not I'm not nothing.
5 I'm nothing. Don is the guy is the right guy you
6 need to talk to.

7 JD: We know, we know all about Don.

8 RB: Ok.

9 BC: Let's talk about other people.

10 JD: Who else were you working with? Let's talk about
11 James. Is his last name-- Is it James White? Is
12 that his name?

13 RB: Um

14 JD: Is, is there a bigger fish than you that you have
15 information that's useful.

16 RB: Uh, Uh, the only person that I can turn to is Don
17 and um.

18 JD: How did you even get-- How did you end up working
19 with Don? How did that happen?

20 RB: Ok, how did the happen. Uh with James recommend
21 me.

22 JD: Ok, and how, what does James know him from?

23 RB: Ok, I don't know where James know him from. But
24 I, I didn't know him.

25 JD: Who, who are you using besides Don as a banker?

1 RB: Ok. Nobody else.

2 JD: Just Don?

3 RB: Yes, Don.

4 JD: I don't know if I believe that. I think there's

5 more bankers than Don.

6 RB: Like, who do you have?

7 JD: I'm asking you. I've shared a lot with you. You

8 haven't shared that much with me.

9 RB: Well, the guy you want to talk to is Don.

10 JD: I already knew that I already played his voice

11 for you. Obviously, we already knew that.

12 RB: Yea, that's the one you want to talk to, he's the

13 player.

14 JD: Tell me about some other people. Maybe someone we

15 don't know about. Make yourself useful, that's

16 what this is about. If you make yourself useful

17 to the government, that's how you can get credit

18 for cooperation V/O.

19 RB: I I I you know really, I can't tell you who who

20 who who else is there.

21 JD: How did you even get-- How did you even get mixed

22 up in this whole business.

23 RB: I don't know. I don't know.

24 JD: Did it start, like where did you live before

25 Thailand?

1 RB: Here.

2 JD: No, you lived somewhere else too. Think about
3 where else you lived. This is an easy question.
4 This isn't a trick question.

5 RB: Ohhh, you're saying that, uh in in the um. You
6 know let me speak to a lawyer let me talk to him
7 and hear what he has to say, and then we sit down
8 together because I don't know what am I doing
9 right now I don't know if I'm going the right way
10 and what am I U/I what I'm looking at.

11 JD: I can answer all those questions for you.

12 RB: What am I looking at?

13 JD: You're looking at time in federal prison. You're
14 looking at I can't tell you exactly what you
15 score out to but you're being charged with a
16 conspiracy that's multi million dollars V/O.

17 RB: I I I'm telling you is not-- I'm not, I'm not--
18 I'm nobody.

19 JD: Then then I'm telling you make yourself useful to
20 the government V/O and be honest and cooperate.

21 RB: I don't know what I'm saying, to be honest. U/I I
22 don't know because first of all, I only know that
23 he's in Philippines, and that's all I can say and
24 I don't and I don't even have his number anymore.

25

1 JD: He's not even in the Philippines. He's not in the
2 Philippines; he's in Thailand.

3 RB: Who, Don?

4 JD: Yea. And where you lived before was in Panama,
5 right?

6 RB: Yes.

7 JD: So why couldn't you even tell me that?

8 RB: I was in Panama for about 3 or 4 months.

9 JD: Were you-- You were you doing the same thing in
10 Panama, right?

11 RB: Yes.

12 JD: So was it with the same people or V/O.

13 RB: It's the same people. I need to speak to a lawyer
14 to see where I'm at. You know, I mean, what am I
15 getting out of this?

16 JD: Ok.

17 RB: What am I-- You know what I mean? How can I get
18 out of this?

19 JD: So you-- If you want to make that decision to end
20 this interview and speak to a lawyer you have
21 that right. Um, just so you know we're done,
22 we're done talking. I'm not answering anymore
23 questions. We're done talking and the next step
24 is we're taking you to detention tonight. Is that
25 what you want to do?

1 RB: What what what is it if I can go home and just
2 V/O.

3 JD: There is no option to go home you're under
4 arrest. That-- You're going to detention either
5 way. It's whether you want to continue talking to
6 us about this investigation or do you want to
7 stop talking and have a lawyer? V/O.

8 RB: U/I'm a little bit tired right now. And I'm just
9 winded from flying for so long. I just need to
10 get some rest. I'm very very tired.

11 JD: Ok, just so you understand, it could be a long
12 time before we talk again because you're going to
13 go through the legal system. Right now I'm going
14 back to the prosecutor and telling them that
15 you've completely lied to us about everything,
16 you're not cooperating at all.

17 RB: Sir, is there any way we can talk tomorrow when I
18 get a little rest?

19 JD: No.

20 RB: I am really tired, I swear to God.

21 JD: This is your life man. I'm going home tonight and
22 I'm gonna go-- V/O.

23 RB: Can you make a--
24
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1 JD: I can't talk to you. Like, after you go there
2 you're going to be in the legal system and things
3 are different.

4 RB: And then what? And then what happen?

5 JD: Then you're going to see the Judge tomorrow,
6 they're going to appoint a lawyer to you if you
7 don't have one. V/O Then's going to be, it could
8 be weeks before we see or talk to each other
9 again or whatever.

10 RB: So would I have a bail out or something like
11 that?

12 JD: That's up to the Judge tomorrow V/O.

13 RB: Because I'm not running away from nothing. I just
14 need to, I just need to--

15 JD: Where are you even staying at here?

16 RB: Uh Uh Uh

17 JD: I don't believe. Don't ask me to trust anything
18 you said. Let's start over. Where do you actually
19 have-- Do you own a house here?

20 RB: No.

21 JD: Ok, do you.

22 BC: Do you have any family here?

23 RB: Yes.

24 BC: U/I.

25 RB: Yes.

1 JD: Who is your family?
2 RB: My sister.
3 JD: What's your sister's name?
4 RB: Pauline, can she come, can I talk to her?
5 JD: Pauline. When, when you get to the detention
6 center they'll let you make a phone call.
7 RB: But I don't have her number.
8 JD: I'll write it down for you.
9 RB: Ok.
10 JD: We'll write down your lawyer, if you have a
11 lawyer's number in there we'll write that down
12 for you and if there's another number you need
13 from there we'll write that down for you.
14 RB: Who's U/I would I be able to get bail and get out
15 by tomorrow?
16 BC: We don't decide V/O.
17 JD: That's going to be discussed with the Judge
18 tomorrow. That has nothing to do with us.
19 RB: And you're going to have to set an appointment
20 for me to go to court right, is that what you're
21 saying?
22 JD: Yea. Or or it's possible you could get detained
23 tomorrow which means you'd be--
24 RB: Huh.
25

1 JD: It's possible you could get detained tomorrow
2 which means you'll be sitting in prison awaiting
3 your trial. Look man, you've done a lot of,
4 you've made a lot of bad decisions and they're
5 coming back to you right now. Now is your time
6 when you have to deal with what you've done. So,
7 so you can be honest and own up to what you've
8 done and try to make things right and cooperate
9 with us or you can--

10 RB: But I'm very tired right now. V/O.

11 JD: That's fine man. Like I said this is your life
12 this isn't my life. It's your choice V/O.

13 RB: U/I Even if I talk to you, I mean I don't know
14 what I'm doing, if I'm the right thing right now.
15 Let me talk to somebody that can talk on my
16 behalf because I don't know if I'm saying the
17 right thing right now.

18 JD: Ok. That's fine. V/O.

19 RB: Would you agree?

20 JD: I, would I, I don't give legal advice so I'm not
21 going to answer that question. My, you know, my
22 own morals in life is to be honest and to tell
23 the truth, not to--

24 BC: You already got a significant amount of money in
25 these journals.

1 JD: Alright, let's um. So just so we're clear here
2 because I want to make sure we're not infringing
3 on anybody's rights here or anything. Do you want
4 to stop the interview and speak to a lawyer, or
5 do you want to continue talking to us.

6 RB: I, I love to sit down and talk to you but I'm so
7 tired right now I swear to god I didn't get to
8 sleep last night. I slept V/O.

9 JD: Ok, we've got to be, we got to be very clear on
10 this 'cause this is an important question. Give
11 me a yes or no. Do you want to continue talking
12 to us? V/O.

13 RB: I can talk to you again when I get a little rest
14 because I haven't slept from yesterday. Because
15 such a long flight, about 24 hours. And it's like
16 my eyeball is coming out like this. I just need
17 to get my head back together here.

18 JD: Ok.

19 RB: Please.

20 JD: Alright, I told you, there's not going to be
21 another chance for an informal conversation like
22 this.

23 RB: Can we just U/I until tomorrow. Please.
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1 JD: No, once you're in the legal system tomorrow it's
2 going to be different, you're going to be
3 appointed a lawyer.

4 RB: I am very tired. Do you understand what I'm
5 telling you. V/O.

6 JD: There's going to be a prosecutor involved.
7 There's not going to be a chance for us to sit
8 like this and talk informally. I'm offering show
9 you stuff on our case and share stuff with you. I
10 know you're tired but sometimes you've got to
11 suck it up, man. V/O.

12 RB: What do I have to do to get out of this right now
13 from talking to you?

14 JD: So, you keep using that word "get out." Like,
15 there's no get out. It's a matter of are you
16 cooperating with the government and being honest
17 or not. V/O.

18 RB: I'm going to cooperate but let me have a lawyer
19 with me because I don't know what I'm saying, I
20 don't know, if it's the-- V/O.

21 JD: Like I've told you, you've got that right. That's
22 why I'm asking you. If you don't want to talk to
23 us anymore without a lawyer then you need to
24 answer clearly. If you do want to talk to us some
25

1 more, that's fine I'm willing to sit here and
2 talk to you more.

3 RB: I know that. But I'm tired and I'm not sure if
4 I'm doing the right way or the right thing right
5 now.

6 JD: Ok. Do you want to--.

7 RB: Please.

8 JD: Do you want to hear some more stuff, do you want
9 me to show you some more stuff?

10 RB: I'm tired right now. Can I just take a break?

11 JD: Yea.

12 RB: My mouth is dry, I'm so hungry, you know please.

13 JD: Like a 5 minute break or something?

14 RB: I need a break I need to relax.

15 JD: Do you want to go sit on the couch for a minute?

16 BC: Do you need more water?

17 RB: Oh yea. My mouth is dry. Oh shit.

18 BC: U/I take a break.

19 JD: Let's take a break I'm going to look through this
20 stuff if you don't mind.

21 RB: Can I just make a call right now and talk to my
22 sister, for a minute, please?

23 JD: They don't, they don't let us do that here.
24 They're strict about it.
25

1 RB: You know what, because I don't know what I'm
2 doing right now V/O.
3 JD: I will let you talk to her when we're done. V/O
4 Who-- Were you supposed to meet somebody
5 somewhere, or what was your plans?
6 RB: Yea.
7 JD: Who were you supposed to meet with, your sister?
8 RB: Yes. She's supposed to pick me up at the airport,
9 and I want to just call her and tell her I'm
10 being detained.
11 JD: Ok, what's your sister's number.
12 RB: Pauline. Let me just call her for a quick minute,
13 please.
14 JD: I can't let you have your phone back but I'm
15 going to put it on speaker for you.
16 RB: Yea yea you can put it on speaker.
17 RB: You saw it?
18 JD: Hold on, Paul Leads.
19 RB: Pauline, yea.
20 JD: No, I see a Paul Leads V/O. You're not allowed to
21 hold this phone, sit down.
22 RB: Please, please, please, let me just show you. And
23 put it on speaker now. Thank you.
24 JD: Make it somewhat quick ok.
25 RB: Yea.

1 [Phone Ringing]

2 JD: If she doesn't pick up leave a message and let
3 her know you'll call her later.

4 RB: Yea, Pauline.

5 P: Hi.

6 RB: Pauline, I, I've been detained by the Customs at
7 Kennedy Airport. Uh so that that so I'm in a
8 little bit of a problem right now with the uh the
9 Custom. The Custom people at the Kennedy Airport.
10 I'm I'm I'm being detained. I'm in custody at
11 Kennedy airport right now.

12 P: For what?

13 RB: Ok, they saying that I'm doing money laundering.
14 U/I what they're saying. So they're going to
15 detain me.

16 P: So, what should I do?

17 RB: Ok, talk to talk to.

18 JD: Hey, how you doing ma'am? I'm a federal agent.
19 Is, is Mr. Booth related to you?

20 P: Yes.

21 JD: How is he related to you?

22 P: He's my brother, what's the problem?

23 JD: Ok, he, he's been uh charged with a federal
24 crime, there's a federal investigation and he's
25 being arrested based on a federal arrest warrant.

1 So he's going to be brought to a federal
2 detention center, uh, in the next couple hours
3 from there he'll be able to make a phone call and
4 give you some more information.

5 P: U/I.

6 RB: U/I Do I need a lawyer?

7 P: What's the problem?

8 JD: Tell here you go U/I.

9 RB: Pauline, they won't let me have the phone so,
10 uh-- How can she see me?

11 JD: Tonight, you'll be able to call her when you get
12 to wherever you're going. Tell her you'll call
13 her in a couple hours.

14 RB: U/I you're going to have to get me a lawyer for
15 bail or something. U/I Am I I correct?

16 JD: Uh, so tomorrow you have your first appearance.
17 Um, if you don't have a lawyer they will give you
18 a lawyer.

19 RB: Where where?

20 JD: Southern District of New York.

21 BC: Southern District of New York.

22 JD: Southern District of New York, federal
23 courthouse. V/O.

24 RB: Ok, so I'm gonna be in New York City?

25 JD: Yea.

1 RB: Ok, New York City.

2 JD: New York City federal courthouse tomorrow.

3 RB: Ok.

4 BC: 500 Pearl.

5 RB: 500 Pearl Street. 500 Pearl Street.

6 P: Where, 500 what?

7 RB: No, uh I going to be, they going to take me to

8 500 Pearl street in Manhattan tomorrow.

9 P: Ok.

10 RB: Today, so you can get the lawyer to come down

11 there U/I. Uh and then grant bail or something

12 like that. Is that ok.

13 JD: You'll be seen. You'll be brought forth in front

14 of a judge who will explain your charges and

15 decide if you get bond or not. V/O

16 RB: The judge the judge will, the lawyer can talk to

17 the judge?

18 JD: Yes.

19 RB: Ok, so the judge need to be at tomorrow at Pearl

20 Street also?

21 JD: If you of you have a lawyer, who I would

22 recommend be a criminal defense lawyer, then you

23 can have them appear on your behalf tomorrow, if

24 you don't have one, they'll have one appointed

25 for you.

1 RB: Pauline.

2 JD: Please don't touch the phone.

3 RB: Pauline, you understood what he meant? You

4 understand? You, you bring the lawyer to Pearl

5 Street.

6 BC: 500 Pearl.

7 RB: 500 P--.

8 P: U/I what time?

9 BC: 500.

10 P: 500 Pearl street.

11 JD: Tell, tell the lawyer that your brother has been

12 arrested on a federal charge and he's appearing

13 in court tomorrow at the federal courthouse in

14 New York City.

15 P: At what time?

16 JD: They don't know yet, it will be in the afternoon.

17 They don't have a time yet. But your brother will

18 be able to call you later this evening when he

19 gets where he's going, and he'll be able to talk

20 to you again. Alright, we have to go now we have

21 to go now but just listen for his call, it'll

22 probably be it won't be from his cellphone it's

23 going to be from a different number.

24 P: Alright.

25 JD: Alright bye.

1 RB: When I get there would I get my phone back?

2 JD: No.

3 RB: So, I would never get my phone back again, that's
4 what you're saying?

5 JD: We're seizing your phone as part of evidence. Um,
6 what are these numbers from Citibank? Is this
7 recent?

8 RB: No.

9 JD: What's this from?

10 RB: That's nothing.

11 JD: It says August 19th, 2021.

12 RB: Nothing.

13 BC: Do you have a Citibank account?

14 RB: No, ok.

15 JD: Take a seat.

16 BC: You have an application for fund transfer with
17 your name on it.

18 JD: Take a seat.

19 RB: Just take me down and to get a lawyer then uh we
20 go from there.

21 JD: Alright. Alright we're ending this interview.

22 RB: I'm going to be, I'm too tired. I'm too beat
23 right now. I need I need some rest to get my head
24 back together, if you will.

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1 JD: That's fine. It's your choice. Just like I asked
2 we want to be clear about this. You are choosing
3 to end our interview: yes or no?
4 RB: Can we do this another time?
5 JD: I already answered that. This is our chance to
6 sit and talk like we are talking. Tomorrow
7 you're-- V/O.
8 RB: I cannot talk anymore. I'm beat. I am pooped. I
9 am really beat.
10 BC: You can take your time. We're not in a rush.
11 RB: I want, can you let me get some rest first
12 please.
13 JD: Well get some rest where? This is what we've got.
14 We've got this room for a little bit; we don't we
15 don't have this room all night.
16 RB: It's not fair to you. It's not fair to me.
17 JD: I'm fine, I don't mind sitting here and talking
18 to you.
19 RB: This is your job, this is what you do but I mean
20 to me it's it's like torture, if you will.
21 JD: Ok, if you don't want to hear anything else we're
22 done.
23 RB: Ok.
24 JD: Ok, what? You ready to be honest?
25 BC: U/I.

1 RB: We talk again. Shall we talk again please.

2 Because I'm, I'm a little bit winded right now,
3 please.

4 JD: Look man, I can see you're close. I know that you
5 want to be honest. V/O

6 RB: I'm a little bit U/I-

7 JD: Let it out man just be honest. V/O Look we
8 already know everything, dude. What more do you
9 want me to show you, I laid out V/O. I know
10 exactly what you're doing.

11 RB: I'm not.

12 JD: Dude, these people, I've talked to these people
13 man.

14 RB: Look, look.

15 JD: They've been defrauded of their life savings.
16 I've talked to those people. It's from your
17 business, man we know all of that.

18 RB: I don't have no business. I told you that. I
19 don't want to talk anymore right now, I'm winded.
20 I'm tired.

21 JD: Let's end it there with your no business and
22 that's the story you're sticking to.

23 RB: Thank you.

24 **[End Interview]**

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